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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S PROPOSED REMARKS FOR CREDENTIAL
PRESENTATION CEREMONY

1. THE FOLLOWING IS ENGLISH TEXT OF AMBASSADOR QUAINTON'S
PROPOSED REMARKS FOR CREDENTIAL PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

TEXT HAS BEEN TRANSLATED INTO FRENCH:

QUOTE: MR. PRESIDENT: I AM PRIVILEGED AND HONORED TO
PRESENT TO YOU TODAY THE LETTER OF RECALL OF MY
PREDECESSOR, HIS EXCELLENCY WILLIAM N. DALE, AND THE
LETTER BY WHICH THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
GERALD R. FORD, ACCREDITS ME AS HIS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
AND AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY TO THE
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC.

PRESIDENT FORD HAS ASKED ME TO CONVEY TO YOU HIS
PERSONAL BEST WISHES FOR YOUR WELL-BEING AND FOR THE
CONTINUED PROSPERITY OF YOUR NATION.

REPUBLIC COINCIDES WITH THE RECENT ACCREDITATION OF YOUR
NEW AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES. THIS EXCHANGE OF
AMBASSADORS BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS IS SYMBOLIC OF THE
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IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS, WHICH ARE

CHARACTERIZED BY A SPIRIT OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND CLOSE COOPERATION. IN THIS REGARD, MY GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES AND DEEPLY APPRECIATES THE CONTINUING SUPPORT OF YOUR

GOVERNMENT, TO OUR EFFORTS IN AFRICA AND ELSEWHERE TO ARRIVE AT PEACEFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE SOLUTIONS TO THE MANY COMPLEX INTERNATIONAL ISSUES CONFRONTING THE WORLD COMMUNITY OF NATIONS.

JUST AS YOU HAVE SHOWN AN AWARENESS OF OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS AND CONCERNS SO WE ALSO SEEK TO ASSIST YOU IN MEETING THE MANY CHALLENGES WHICH YOU FACE IN YOUR STRENUOUS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE THE WELL BEING AND PROSPERITY OF YOUR PEOPLE. THE UNITED STATES WISHES TO ASSURE YOU AND YOUR COURAGEOUS PEOPLE OF OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE DEVELOPMENT NEEDS AND PROBLEMS PECULIAR TO LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING NATIONS SUCH AS YOURS. THROUGH OUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO YOUR DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS, WE WISH TO DEMONSTRATE OUR DETERMINATION TO ASSIST YOU IN MEETING YOUR PRIORITY GOALS AND IN SURMOUNTING THE OBSTACLES TO POSITIVE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

INDEED, YOUR EXCELLENCY, WHILE RECOGNIZING THE LIMITS OF OUR RESOURCES THE UNITED STATES HOLDS FIRM TO ITS OFTEN-STATED COMMITMENT TO MAKE AVAILABLE OUR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL EXPERTISE TO ASSIST DEVELOPING NATIONS IN REALIZING THEIR DEVELOPMENT GOALS. WE ARE PLEASED THAT THIS COMMITMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN MANIFESTED IN OUR ASSISTANCE TO THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC. THE USE OF OUR SATELLITE SYSTEM, WHICH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE BANGUI ANOMALY, AND THE EXPLORATORY VISIT OF AN AMERICAN GEOLOGICAL SURVEY TEAM ARE EXAMPLES OF HOW WE CAN USE NEW SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES TO ASSIST DEVELOPING NATIONS. WE SHARE YOUR INTEREST IN THE REPORT OF THE GEOLOGICAL TEAM WHICH VISITED HERE, AND LOOK FORWARD TO STUDYING ITS ASSESSMENT OF THE ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS OF THIS IMPORTANT GEOLOGICAL PHENOMENON.

MR. PRESIDENT, THIS YEAR IS THE BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF THE UNITED STATES. DURING THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PAST TWO-HUNDRED YEARS, MY COUNTRY HAS JOURNEYED OVER SOME OF THE SAME ROADS THAT YOUR NATION MUST TRAVEL TO ACHIEVE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS. OUR EXPERIENCE DURING OUR TWO-HUNDRED YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE HAS CONVINCED US OF THE GLOBAL INTERDEPENDENCE OF NATIONS. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ONE NATION TO CONCERN ITSELF WITH ITS OWN DEVELOPMENT NEEDS ALONE WHILE IGNORING THE LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS OF OTHER MEMBERS OF

THE WORLD COMMUNITY. IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT THE UNITED STATES IS CONCERNED ABOUT EQUITABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN ALL NATIONS, INCLUDING THE POOREST AND LEAST-ADVANTAGED.

YOUR EXCELLENCY, AS MY PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE, AND IN MY CAPACITY HERE AS THE CHIEF DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, I PROMISE YOU MY COMPLETE DEDICATION TO MAINTAINING AND REINFORCING THE CLOSE RELATIONS WHICH MY PREDECESSORS HAVE FOSTERED BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS. ON BEHALF OF MY GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXTEND TO YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, OUR BEST WISHES FOR THE PROSPERITY OF YOUR NATION AND FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE WARM FRIENDSHIP AND SPIRIT OF MUTUAL COOPERATION WHICH OUR TWO NATIONS ENJOY. END QUOTE.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CABLING MISSION'S SUGGESTIONS OR COMMENTS TO AMEMBASSY PARIS FOR AMBASSADOR QUANTON, WITH DEPARTMENT AS INFO ADDRESSEE. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT. KISSINGER

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